

Choir celebrates Christmas in music



CHOIR IN FINE VOICE - Conductor Don Buryn (centre front) has just cause to be proud of the excellent group of singers which make up the Elk Point Community Choir. The Choir entertained two capacity crowds with their Christmas Concerts this past week.

"Without music, Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas."

- Don Conrad

Elk Point Community Choir is making sure this season will be Christmas in every sense of the word. Their annual concerts are becoming as much of a Christmas season tradition in this community as decorating the tree and hanging stockings. The group has almost doubled in size since their beginning three years ago, and the crowds just keep on overflowing, to such an extent that this year, the Choir performed to two appreciative capacity crowds, this past Thursday and Friday evenings.

Their new venue, the Seniors Recreation Centre, was comfortable and hospitable, with a fine sound system affording all the opportunity to hear every word of joy.

Don Conrad greeted the audience, saying that Christmas is "a time of sharing love and hope with family and friends...with music a warmly satisfying accompaniment to the season."

The rest of the Choir then joined in the welcome with "A Seasonal Greeting." Their first set moved on to "I Am A Small Part Of The World," with Tobey Conrad featured as soloist, then to a traditional spiritual number, "Walk Dem Bones" with accents from rhythm instruments, and finally to a number with

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Pan Canadian expanding its operations in '93

Pan Canadian Petroleum held two information-filled open house meetings at King George and Heinsburg community halls last week as part of their ongoing commitment to keeping in touch with the residents of the areas where they operate.

District Superintendent Bryan Campbell told the King George audience Monday night that Pan Canadian has been in the area for eleven years, since they drilled their first exploration wells in 1981. Their cleaning plant was built in 1985, and the huff-and-puff extraction process was employed from 1985 to 1988. At that time, all thermal extraction was discontinued, going back to primary cold production. Oil is trucked to the cleaning plant where water and sand are removed, before trucking or pipelining the cleaned product to market.

Their plans for the immediate future include drilling forty new wells in the Frog Lake area and ten in the Heinsburg region. They are also looking at drilling horizontal wells on Section 3, Campbell said.

Pan Canadian currently has an application before the Energy Resources Conservation Board to double the capacity of their cleaning plant from 750 to 1500 cubic metres per day. This is mostly a matter of "de-bottlenecking" the plant, Campbell told the area residents. The increased capacity would increase the truck traffic from the present 40 to 50 vehicles per day to between 75 and 95 vehicle trips per day if the plant were operating at top capacity. The two multi-well pads on Section 3 are flowlined into the plant.

Campbell said that air emissions have decreased significantly since the cessation of the steam operation, and "we don't expect any increase."

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Local equestrians provincial champs

On Saturday, November 14, 1992 at the Capri Centre in Red Deer, the Alberta Equestrian Federation held its Heritage / Bluesky Classic Circuit Banquet and Awards Night. The northeast area of Alberta was extremely well represented with several

Provincial Award recipients, the majority of these coming from the Elk Point area. The roast beef dinner was delicious and was well attended by approximately 50 people. Jim Thornton, President of the AEF, was MC for the evening.

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EXTRAVAGANZA GETS UNDERWAY - with Mayor Ed Buck wielding the torch to light the Main Street Bonfire, which later became the centre of action as shoppers stopped to chat with Santa and hayriders warmed up after their tour of the town.

Extravaganza promotes shopping in Elk Point

From the moment Mayor Ed Buck touched a torch to the giant bonfire centred in the Main Street promenade, to the draws for over \$700 in Elk Point Bucks at the end of the evening, Elk Point's Sixth Annual Christmas Extravaganza was a bustling, enjoyable time for the whole community.

In proclaiming the event officially open, Mayor Buck congratulated the Chamber on their efficient planning of the event, and predicted that it would give a much needed boost to the business community.

It certainly seemed to do just that. Long lineups at checkouts, and shoppers heavily laden with bags and bundles showed that "shopping at home" was enjoying a comeback.

Master of Ceremonies Glenn Harms interspersed his lineup of Christmas music with bulletins on the latest hourly specials and the best bargains to be found at participating businesses. Late in the evening, the lineup at the Chamber's booth, warmly accommodated at Video Point for the occasion, was also long as contestants counted out their reindeer, spelled out 'GREETINGS' and filled out their draw entries.

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Chamber tomorrow
12:00 noon at the Hilltop



BIG BUCKS WINNER - A very lucky Aleisha Birkett (right) has a whopping \$300 in Elk Point Bucks to do her Christmas shopping with, after Chamber President Millie Orr drew her name in the GREETINGS contest at Extravaganza.

Extravaganza a success

(Cont. from Front Page)

Chamber President Millie Orr was on hand to officiate in the draws. In the 'GREETINGS' contest, Aleisha Birkett was the first prize winner of \$300 in Elk Point Bucks, with a joint entry by Tina Harms and Colleen Irvine second out of the box for \$200 Elk Point Bucks, and Donna Gulayec taking home third prize of \$100 Elk Point Bucks. Full teams of Santa's Reindeer brought \$50 to Jesse Kozicky, \$30 to Megan and Brandon McMillan, and \$20 each to Melanie Johnson and Tanis Klein, all in Elk Point Bucks to be spent at the participating stores. Ms Orr also announced the winner of her in-store poinsettia draw, who was Danny Flett.

Shoppers enjoyed stopping by the roaring bonfire for a warm moment or two, warming up with hot chocolate courtesy of the Lioness Club, who were also selling hot dogs with all profit going to their Santas Anonymous

project, and adding their names to the Lions Christmas Card. The youngsters in the crowd, and many an adult too, enjoyed the hay rides sponsored by the Elk Point Light Horse Club, with 230 paid riders enjoying lengthy and trouble-free rides under excellent supervision.

Of course, the jolly old fellow in the red suit was on hand, and visited all the participating stores as well as chatting to young and old at the bonfire, and digging deep into his sack for candy canes as a sweet souvenir of his visit.

It was truly an evening to be remembered long after the Fire Department extinguished the bonfire's dying embers, and the Public Works crew retrieved the firepit they had hauled in early Friday afternoon. Once again, a big success for the Chamber's Special Events committee, who should be heartily congratulated on their good planning and ongoing efforts to promote home town shopping.



ALL ABOARD FOR A HAYRIDE! - Elk Point Light Horse Club had long lineups for rides on their two wagons, with young and old enjoying the brisk ride through the frosty night.

Pan Canadian expands

(Cont. from Front Page)

Operations Engineer Charles Mahon said that control of vapors is "a major focus" for the new facility design and retrofitting. Emissions have been reduced by using only primary production, which is "sweet," and by using locally made distillate rather than Husky condensate. Casing gas collection is underway, and the company is phasing in to pipelining their product to the cleaning plant. Mahon said his goal is "for oil never to see the light of day" between the well and market.

Mahon said that the use of rotary pumps has made a big change in their operation. "We don't have to have big pump-jacks, they can handle sand better and with the whole field electrified, it's quieter and cleaner."

District Manager Dennis Chorney noted that the drilling of horizontal wells "could start as early as spring" but that will depend on their findings regarding the reservoir, which is still being evaluated. Chorney also said that the drilling in the Frog Lake area will be "the first phase of five" and that Pan Canadian is working toward establishment of another cleaning plant in that area if further development warrants it.

New drilling will not be confined to the eastern area, with approximately fifteen new wells planned for the Lindbergh field. "There's still a lot of potential here," Chorney said. "We're still cautious about the economy, but if prices stay up, we will certainly keep up production." He noted that the oil in the area has become "progressively heavier" over the years, which makes the capacity of pipelines less than for the lighter oil they were designed for. This complicates "adding more heavy oil when prices are soft."

Nonetheless, Pan Canadian has a "renewed commitment" to heavy oil. "Far and away, our largest deposit is in this area. Our goal for the next couple of years is to double production in this area and Provost, but we need stability in pricing to give us the confidence to move ahead."

Elk Point Surface Rights Association President Alban Bugej was "pleased to see open houses taking place in impacted areas. EPRSA is encouraging this." He questioned the impact of increased truck traffic, and was told by Community Relations spokesman John O'Donnell that conditions will be imposed to minimize the effect. Brian Campbell added that the trucks will approach the plant by the road on the east side, and that the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. will be observed. "Trucking is an issue to us, and an accent has been put on safety," Campbell acknowledged that there have been trucking problems in the past, and asked area residents to let him know if they see truckers contravening the regulations.

Road improvement for Frog Lake

EDMONTON - The Government of Alberta will invest \$828,173 in a major road paving project in the Frog Lake area, Minister of Transportation and Utilities Al "Boomer" Adair and St. Paul MLA John Drobot announced recently.

The contract was awarded

to Everall Construction Ltd. of Edmonton, lowest of six bidders. The job involves the placement of final pavement on Secondary Highway 897 from the junction of Secondary 646 for 16.2 kilometres to

west of Frog Lake.

Mr Adair said: "Scheduled for completion next fall, this project will bring this section up to its full strength and make it smoother and safer for all traffic."

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December 17, 18, 19

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From Fred and Staff

What's Happening At COMMUNITY SERVICES

The word's out on Active Living. It sounds like a good idea, but many people still aren't quite sure what's up. Perhaps the following thoughts can help set the record straight.

ACTIVE LIVING? Is there something startling and new here?

Yes and no. Active Living looks at physical activity in a new light, but it's a return to the basics, too. It's a return to some values and approaches we have lost sight of over the years.

HOW DID WE LOSE OUR WAY?

It was a slow and gradual thing. In the 1970s, we went through a running boom where it seemed like every second person was training for the Boston Marathon.

The 1980s brought the aerobics craze. In some places, it even seemed like you had to be fit and fashionable before you could go to a fitness class. There was lots of enthusiasm, but we may have got carried away.

SO WHAT'S UP FOR THE 90S?

We're returning to basics, to simplicity, to moderation... and variety. There's a growing acceptance (and understanding) of the joys, and values, and benefits of all kinds of activities.

YOU MEAN I CAN DO 'MY OWN THING'?

That's about it. Active Living means taking things in stride... doing what comes naturally. It means pursuing activities you find useful, pleasurable, and satisfying. And doing them in ways that suit your routine, your schedule and your body.

DO I HAVE TO 'HUFF AN' PUFF'?

Not unless you want to. Research now shows that leisure-time activity, using as little as 500 extra calories a week, has important health benefits.

HOW MUCH ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED?

Not much! A daily 15-minute walk will do it. So will one 50-minute bike ride. Or an hour and a half of gardening. You may want to pursue more vigorous activities later, but it isn't necessary. There are real benefits from being a 'modest mover'.

IS ACTIVE LIVING ANYTHING MORE THAN SIMPLY LIVING ACTIVELY?

Yes, it is. It embodies some

important values for the '90s and beyond. It calls for cooperation and caring, peace and harmony. Active Living means:

- finding a balance, a comfortable combination of activities you can enjoy - not ones you have to rush to fit into your schedule.

- slowing down and experiencing the simple pleasure of being in motion.

- reaching out to help others in their efforts to be active.

And it means living lightly on the land as the advocates for a healthy environment so wisely advise.

SO THE CHOICES ARE MINE?

That's right. The activities you choose will depend on many things. They may be different when you're 60 years old than when you're 30. Different for students than for parents.

They'll depend on your abilities and interests, your traditions and cultural heritage. Active Living means different things to different people... but it has something for everyone.

(Source: Recreation Update)

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHRISTMAS HOURS

Jack and Jill Playschool and Parent Nursery will enjoy a Christmas break starting December 18 and programs will resume in the New Year. Community Services office hours will remain the same (8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday) with the following exceptions:

December 24 - OPEN: 8:30 - 12:00

- CLOSED: 12:00 - 4:30

December 25, 28: CLOSED

January 1: CLOSED

CHRISTMAS IS FOR THE BIRDS

To many Albertans, Christmas birds mean more than turkeys and geese. Each year, over the holiday season, Albertans take part in the Annual North American Christmas Bird Count. It is a time when friends and family get together to count the number and species of birds they can find in an assigned area. The Elk Point Count is being held Sunday, December 20, 1992.

There are many ways you can participate! Most participate the traditional way with binoculars and bird book. Many participate by watching over their backyard feeder.

They are the "feeder watchers" and play an integral role in bird counts. Others are "bush beaters" hiking over hills and through bush to observe and count. Some count from the warmth of their car as they have a pleasant winter drive and outing.

Whether you watch birds by sipping tea in the comfort of your kitchen or enjoy a long day's outing looking for those rare species, there is a place for you in the Christmas Bird Count. All that is required to get involved is enthusiasm. To register or for more information call Community Services at 724-3800

BABYSITTING COURSE

Elk Point Community Services is planning on holding a **Babysitting Course** in the New Year. The Babysitting Course is a St. John's Ambulance instructed course for children who are 11 years of age or older. During the approximately 7 hours of instruction, they will learn simple first aid, what to do in an emergency, what type of information they should get from the parent they are babysitting for, feeding techniques, and bathing techniques. At this time, dates and cost have not been finalized.

For more information or to

put your child's name on the waiting list call Lynn at 724-3800.

CROSS COUNTRY ENTHUSIASTS

Free copies of the Alberta Nordic Skier magazine are available at Community Services. This is an excellent magazine with everything you could want to know about what is happening in the cross-country ski world.

TIDBITS

Middle age is the time when the narrow waist and the broad mind begin to change places.

- Ben Holden

Avoid half-truths; you may latch on to the wrong half.

- Anonymous

Love is a four letter word that should be used more often.

- Anonymous

3rd Annual Elk Point Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 20, 1992

It's free -- all you need is enthusiasm! Call Community Services at 724-3800 to register or for more information.



NOTICE

Elk Point Elks' Lodge will not be holding their regular **BINGO** on December 24 or December 31/92. **BINGO** will be held instead on **Tuesday, December 22 & December 29**. The same hours and same time as per usual. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Warmest wishes... from our family to yours.



Home for the holidays... a family tradition that gives us time to share and celebrate the meaning and spirit of Christmas, together.

For all that Christmas means to you, warmest wishes... from our family to yours.

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Editorial

Thoughts on a December morn

I hope everyone was able to observe the eclipse of the full moon; these major sky-events are so superlative - and painless - as to fill me with awe. At Elk Point, the sky was clear, save for a bit of near-horizon frost or fog, but by the time the silver sickle began to grow in the eastern sky, it was high over the trees, or any obstacle, as clear and bright as the streetlights. It will be another few years, I'm sure, before we get a total eclipse again.

By the way, that eclipse was of the full Hunting Moon. Speaking of hunting, I am very happy that the hunting season is done, at last, and I can feel free to go skiing in something other than a bright red jacket (which is wearing out and not very warm). I often wonder what excuse some hunter might give, if I got winged out on the ski trail, in my cerise pink and

purple tam, blue mitts and red socks. Would it be, "Sorry, I thought you were a psychedelic deer." Or perhaps, just "Oops!" Anyway, I'd sooner know there are deer around, rather than that there used to be.

I've seen a lot more hare tracks across my ski trails than I noticed last winter - but then, it only snows once every two weeks, so they have time to accumulate. Haven't seen any of the hares making the tracks, though. They must only move at night.

An expert on the subject (I guess) was speaking on the radio, on quitting smoking; "kicking the butts" was the announcer's term. Apt, I think! He spoke of a 'nicotine gum,' supposed to fool the user that he was getting his ration of nicotine dope into his system, even though he wasn't sucking on a cigarette. Apparently this has a very

low success rate, since the 'quitter' still has to smoke, in order to keep happy.

Now they have a different method: they glue a 'patch' soaked with nicotine, onto the skin somewhere. This is supposed to leak enough of the downer stuff into his system to keep him content enough to forget the cigarette. Results: at six weeks, 53 percent not smoking; at 15 weeks, 41 percent. After a year, only 17 percent were still non-smoking.

Anyone who is pregnant, or even planning to be, should not be smoking, for the long term health of the child. Yet few quit for that reason. Few quit for fear of cancer, yet that is an ever-present threat. Some quit, if it interferes with making money, or because of the cost; some because a mate hates the stink.

The only 100 percent effective method of 'kicking the butts' is internal desire. If we want to quit smoking, we can. It's as simple and quick as removing the cigarette from your lips, laying it down and not picking it up again. Sure, it's hard, and takes a while before the wretched thing isn't on your mind day and night. After all, it's an addiction. But no cigarette has the power to actually bend your arm, and poke that cancer-stick back in your mouth. Only you can do that. So just don't.

According to my Old Farmer's Almanac Astrological timetable, the month of December is an ideal time to quit smoking, the 24th is the

Alberta Trails

By Irene Magnusson



very best day. So there.

Astrologically, Sagittarius (the Hunter) rules until December 21; chief ability of those born under this sign, is to be versatile. Your lucky color is purple; gemstone is turquoise or zircon, and flowers are narcissus and holly. But remember, after December 22, Capricorn takes over, the old Goat, and he likes garnets, carnations and snowdrops!

By the time we come to the middle of December, we know it will soon be Christmas; by the decorations all around, by the lovely music in the air, by all the parties and concerts and such - and by the emptiness of our pocketbooks. We know it by the stacks of flyers, jamming our mailboxes, by the giant "percents OFF" signs everywhere; by the weary hand, from writing all those cards and letters; the taste of glue on the tongue, from licking all those stamps and envelopes.

A certain excitement pervades the air. People we don't even know say "Merry Christmas!" and comment on the weather when we meet in stores or post office or on the street.

Some places, perhaps parents are still lucky enough to

get to see their kids in a Christmas concert; somewhere carollers sing. We in Elk Point are favored with a wonderful Community Choir, who can sing the rafters off, and are willing to do so once in a while; this is a super uplifting event - and yes, I had a ticket.

I started this while it was still almost dark (well, I'm an early riser) and now it is no longer dark. I went out to see what the world has to offer today, and it is purely gorgeous. The sun has finally gotten above my encroaching trees, to cast its golden beams over the frost-laden branches. Across the garden, toward the sun, sparkles twinkle and glisten, and the tall trees in the old school yard look like dark giants, with feathery fronds overhead and the blue snow between. And the blue, blue sky above. All of which reminds me: I haven't fed my birds yet.

So out I go, to fill the feeder, and see that those rascally squirrels have contrived yet another way to break into the feeder, despite my wires and wedges, and the pile of seeds I leave on the table for them. I conclude, squirrels, like some humans, are born thieves.



WE'VE BEEN GOOD, HONEST - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and Santa was in town for the Extravaganza checking out who's been naughty or nice.



More pioneer recipes needed

Billie Milholland
Bicentennial Coordinator

I am still collecting stories and recipes for the Pioneer Women's Cookbook. Over Christmas, as you visit with family and reminisce, don't forget to ask about your grandmothers, great-grandmothers and aunts. For inspiration, here is another of the stories I have collected.

Zelina Gabert Walker

When she was 5 years old, in 1903, Zelina came with her family to Canada from Bucharest, Roumania. They worked hard together on a homestead in southern Alberta. She hoped to get an ed-

ucation and a job, but when she was 17 she was married off to a widower and became an instant mother to his two children. She gave him seven more children. Zelina's children remember...

...Boilers and boilers of whole milk on the back of the stove. When she couldn't sell her cream, she made cheese. Hard cheese was made with rennet, put in round cake pans with holes in them, and pressed with a wooden lid and a rock. She would carefully wrap the cheeses in cheese-cloth and store them in the cellar. Soured milk was put on the back of the wood stove to make cottage cheese. The curds were put in a sack and put on the clothes line to

drain.

She made her own noodles with lots of eggs when she had them. She would roll out the dough and throw it in the air until it was very thin, then she would cut it into strips and dry the noodles on a clean bedsheet. On bread baking day, Zelina would roll out the extra bread dough into rounds and put them in pie plates. She would mix together cottage cheese, sugar, eggs and cream and pour it over the dough. When it was baked, she cut it into pie shapes for her children to eat. They called it **Kase Kuchen**.

Keep those stories and recipes coming in, and have a good Christmas and New Years.

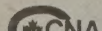
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WHAT'S NEWS AT THE LIBRARY?

The Elk Point Public Library Board and staff would like to thank the Community Services for the donation of \$200 for books related to individual and family concerns. We would like to also thank Melanie Theriault for the donation of a Berenstain Bears video.

Don't forget the preschool storytime Christmas party on Friday, December 18. We are expecting a visit from the jolly man in red, so bring along your preschoolers and your camera.

The Elk Point Library holiday hours are: Thursday, December 24, Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **ONLY.** Closed Thursday afternoon, Friday, December 25, Saturday, December 26 and Monday, December 28. Open regular hours December 29, 30 and 31. Closed Friday, January 1, 1993.

New Books

Part-Time Paradox by Ann Duffy, examines the part time work done in the work force by women, also the impact of the nature of work a woman does and how it affects a woman's personal life.

Daughter Of The Red Deer - this extraordinary saga set in prehistoric Southern

France is rich with the mystery and wonders of its time. With stunning imagination, acclaimed author Joan Wolf has recreated the ritual and adventure of a primitive world, as she tells the timeless tale of conflict between two societies, two gods, two sexes, and two people.

Children's Books: Tyrone The Horrible by Hans Wilhelm and **What Do The Fairies Do With All Those Teeth?** by Michel Luppens. A ready to

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read book, **Lo-Jack And The Pirates** by William H. Hooks. Just in time for Christmas, we have another Berenstain Bear video, **The Berenstain Bears'**

Christmas Tree. Thanks, Faye Smith.

Thank You

We would like to thank our children, relatives, friends and neighbors who came to help us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Your cards, gifts and kindness were very much appreciated.

Nick & Mary Melnyk

Obituary

EWASIUK, Maria

On December 13, 1992 Mrs. Maria Ewasiuk of Elk Point, passed away at the age of 96 years. She is survived by 7 sons and 5 daughters, Bill and his wife Eve of Surrey, B.C., Harry of Nanose Bay, B.C., Max and his wife Isabel of Langley, B.C., Steve and his wife Elaine of Kamloops, B.C., George and his wife Lillian, Paul, and Raymond and his wife Levina, all of Elk Point, Kathleen and her husband John Jacula, and Anne Ewasiuk, all of Edmonton, Paula and her husband Ken Lightfoot of St. Thomas, Ontario, Doris Capjack of Elk Point, and Lee and her husband Warren Shaw of Prince George, B.C.; 35 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 3 daughters-in-law, Betty Ewasiuk of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Olga Ewasiuk of Calgary and Olga Ewasiuk of Edmonton; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael in 1965; 4 sons, John, Nick, Pete and Edward; 1 daughter-in-law, Donna; 4 brothers and 1 sister, Wasyl, Harry, Nick, Mike and Lena Kushnirik. Prayer Service Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Elk Point. Divine Liturgy and Funeral Service Thursday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Elk Point. Reverend Father Mark Bayrock will be the celebrant with interment in St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Northern Valley.

Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd., St. Paul, 1-645-5177.

Obituary

QUINNEY, Rocky Thomas

On December 6, 1992 Mr. Rocky Thomas Quinney of Frog Lake, passed away at the age of 26 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol; 1 daughter and 1 son, Dionna and Johnny, both of Frog Lake; his loving parents, Lawrence and Margaret of Frog Lake; 8 brothers and 4 sisters: Raymond and his wife Grace, Alan and his wife Aldina, Joey and his wife Marjorie, Donald, Gordon, Gary, Larry and his wife Marlene, and Paul, all of Frog Lake, Jean and her husband Dale Moyan of Lloydminster, Martha Matchatis and Mike Lariviere of Edmonton, Angie Quinney and Ronald Stanley of Frog Lake, and Lily and her husband Terry Moyah of Frog Lake; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by 1 brother, Ronald.

Prayers were held Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11 at Frog Lake Band Hall, Frog Lake. Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Frog Lake Band Hall, Frog Lake. Reverend Father Hamilar Blanco was the celebrant with interment in Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Cemetery, Frog Lake.

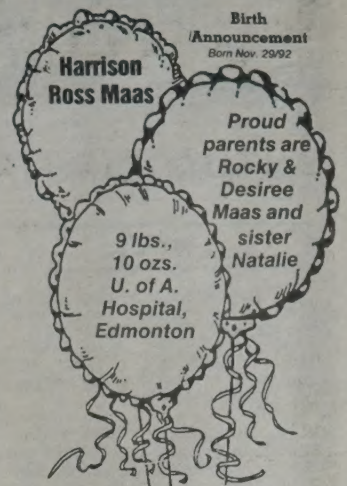
Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd., St. Paul, 645-5177.

Nifty, Nifty Look Who's 50



Genny Shmyr

Graduated as an RN in 1964, and has been a caring and dedicated nurse here in Elk Point since 1966. Best wishes for the next half a century.
Love: Steve, Laurie and Linda.



Thank You

We would like to thank all our friends and relatives for attending our 50th Anniversary party on December 5. Special thanks to our children and grandchildren for the planning and all the work involved.

Don & Grace Pinder

In Memoriam

SMEREKA, Bill

In loving memory of SMEREKA, BILL who passed away December 14, 1989. We often think of days gone by. When we were all together, A shadow o'er our lives has cast, Our loved one gone forever.

Sadly missed and forever remembered by your family. Love always Virginia, Eugene, Diane and Family.

In Memoriam

ANDRISHAK, Joanne

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who after a long and courageous battle with cancer passed away December 22, 1991.

She never failed to do her best. Her heart was true and tender. She toiled hard for those she loved.

Then left them to remember. At early morn, when all was still God gave His great command; In silent peace she passed away. Into a Better Land.

Fondly remembered by her husband Peter, and her daughter Patricia.

Church Services

Elk Point Baptist Church
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service; Evening Services - Alternately held at the Heritage Lodge & Hospital; Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study (Child Care Provided).

**United Church of Canada
Elk Point**
Elk Point - 10:00 a.m.; Glendon - 12:00 noon.

**Bible Fellowship Church
Clandonald**
Services held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

**St. Michael's
Catholic Church**
Sunday Mass, 12:00 p.m.

**Bethel Lutheran Church
of Lea Park**
Sunday Worship Services, 10:00 a.m.

**St. Vladmirs' Ukrainian
Orthodox Church
(Elk Point)**
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COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

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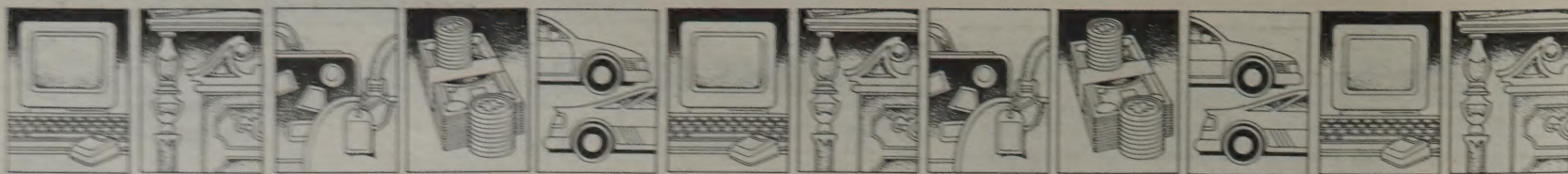
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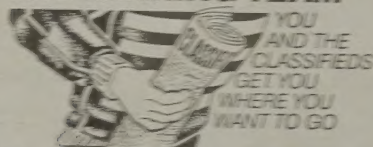
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Goals by the dozen

Elk Point Elks were in fine form this weekend, scoring a dozen goals apiece in their home and away games against Kitscoty Monarchs.

Friday night saw two goals apiece by Cory Laboucane, Bob Langenham and Joel Chevalier, along with singles by Greg Desaulniers, John Olson, Kelly Harms, Willie Lesyk, Rick Marcoux and Lorne Demchuk as the Elks doubled the Monarchs 12 to 6. Four of the goals came in the first period, with only a single reply from the Monarchs. The Monarchs narrowed the gap to 5-7 in the Elks' favor by the end of the second, but could get only one more puck into the Elks net during the final period, while the Elks hit their mark five more times.

The return contest Saturday night in Kitscoty was equally disheartening for the Monarchs, as the Elks rammed in another dozen goals to the Monarchs' five. Dwayne Karbasheski sent in a hat trick, Mike Boratynec, John Olson and Lindsay Jenner each racked up a pair, and Cory Laboucane, Rick Marcoux and Kerry Loughran scored one apiece in this one. The first period saw Kitscoty take a 2-0 lead before the first Elks goal hit the net, but the visitors came back to tie the score 3-3 by the period's end. Two Kitscoty goals, compared to six for the Elks, saw the Monarchs falling far behind by the end of the second. The Monarchs were scoreless in the third period, while the Elks added another three for a 12-5 final score.

The Elks' next game is in Marwayne tomorrow night at 8:30, while on Saturday, December 19 they are at home to Neilburg at 8 p.m. Come on down and see some excellent action!

Silver for Erica Nielsen

In what North East Alberta Track Club coach Reg Green called a "warm-up meet" the club took home five silvers and three bronze medals at the Leduc Last Chance Meet Saturday.

Leading the way was Erica Nielsen with a silver in the PeeWee Girls long jump and a bronze in the 800 metres.

The Brown brothers from Dewberry took home a pair of medals. Nathan with a bronze in the Bantam boys' 50-metre hurdles and Jeremy a bronze in the Midget men's 200 metres.

A new season started

This year's F.G. Miller Senior Boys Basketball squad has potential. The team consists of eight players. Six people return from last year and bring some experience to the team, two new faces will add depth and talent too.

Jeff Lypka and Danny Hanson are the team captains who bring talent and experience to the team. "Danny and Jeff need to be real leaders on this team," says new coach Dalane Huber. "We need to build a strong 'family' unit for this team to be successful and it's up to those two to be positive and bring the team together."

Other experienced players on the team include Jody Brovchenko, Jeremy Hodder, Sheldon Kinjerski and Chris Kittlitz. "We have a lot of height and talent on this team," says Huber, "but it's up to the team members to work hard and stay dedicated to practicing hard if they plan to win. So far, that has been our weakness this season; some boys seem to have so many other priorities and it seems the team is always the last choice. To improve, they have to come in on their own at times to shoot, so I'm hoping that will occur in the future."

New additions to the team this year are Cameron Zarowny and Cody Kurek. They add talent to the team and they should be real assets. "Cameron is really strong inside and outside; he's also a good rebounder. He'll definitely help the team. Cody is young and has lots to improve on, but he's gained much already. If he keeps up, he'll sure help the team out down the line!"

Helping Huber with the coaching is local RCMP Constable John Dzerdz. "He's really a help with the team," says Huber. "He brings experience, talent and a lot of knowledge which will definitely help the boys."

Three weeks ago on Thursday, November 26, Kitscoty Senior Boys basketball team played in Elk Point. Elk Point boys lost 71-45. "I was a little disappointed in the outcome," says Huber. "The boys didn't seem really sharp; their shooting was terrible; they shot only 18 for 70 from the field. If we're going to win, that percentage has to improve; the boys have to get into the gym to work on their shooting."

The second half showed a much improved Crusader team, but it wasn't enough to be able to come back from the first half's 22 point deficit. "We have much we need to improve on," says Huber,

"and confidence is one aspect, but I'm sure when we go to Kitscoty in they new year, we'll play a better game."

The F.G. Miller Senior Boys Basketball team would like to thank the businesses that have contributed to the fund-raising activities of the team. They wish to thank for their generosity, the Canadian Salt Company, the Elk Point Oilmen's Association and Pan Canadian Petroleum. "We all appreciate the sponsorship and the donations."

The F.G. Miller Senior Basketball teams invite you out to enjoy some of their action. Last night, they played host to Ashmont for some exhibition games. The season is just getting underway, and the teams would appreciate your support!

4-H Beef Club news

Jeffrey Dostie
Club Reporter

The members of the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club would like to thank Mr. Gil Garner for the use of his equipment on Weigh Day. The heaviest calf, belonging to Peter Danyluk, weighed in at 760 lbs.

A bingo was held on November 29, and we would like to thank all players, parents and members who contributed their time to this fundraiser.

On Friday, December 18, all members are to meet in front of the hospital's main entrance after school. We will be tree decorating, followed by caroling at the Seniors Lodge. Remember your donations for Santas Anonymous.

December 19 will be the Christmas Party at the Windsor Club, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Once again, we will be having a beef steer raffle. Tickets will go on sale in the new year.

The next 4-H meeting will be held on January 20, 1993 at 7 p.m. at the High School.

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Community choir concert

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an old country flavor, telling of the wintery excitement of a ride to town in a horse-drawn "Troika."

Udo Mueller, Ken Vickery, Henry Loewen and Harry Peters were accompanied by Linda Peters on piano in two songs, "Gather Round The Christmas Tree" and "Glory To God," the latter an old Gaelic melody.



SINGING OF THE SEASON - Debbie Lawrence, Mathilda Furger and Gwen Morris are popular performers who enhanced the Choir concert with their talent.



QUARTET - Udo Mueller, Ken Vickery, Henry Loewen and Harry Peters 'gathered around the Christmas tree' in song.

More modern views of Christmas were expressed by the next three soloists. Laurie Keichinger sang "A Baby Like You," accompanied by Deanna Easthope, while Don Conrad was accompanied by John Bennett in his rendition of Willie Nelson's "Pretty Paper." Randall Kryz took guitar in hand to offer Steve Earle's country contemporary, "Nothing But A Child."

Then the Choir was back, with Barb Buryn at the keys to accompany the up-tempo rock beat of "On The Roof." In a quieter mood, they moved to a "Christmas Lullaby," with Deanna Easthope back at the piano, then went unaccompanied into a rousing "Carol Of The Bells." A hilarious twist to an old carol was "No Well, No Well," which told of the plight of three thirsty wise men and their equally thirsty camels in a land devoid of watering holes.

Two members of the Choir, Debbie Lawrence and Mathilda Furger, were joined by Gwen Morris for two numbers, "Star Of Bethlehem" and "Silver Bells." A second solo by Randall Kryz was in a gentle ballad style, "There Is Peace." John Bennett's talent at the piano keyboard is always a welcome addition to the program, and his "Medley Of Christmas Songs" repertoire ranged from "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" to "Away In A Manger," "Go Tell It On The Mountain" and "Follow Them To Bethlehem." Linda Peters was the final soloist of the evening, accompanied by Barb Buryn in "Come On,



SILVERY AS THE STAR - topping the tree behind her, were the notes from the flute of Laurie Keichinger.

Ring Those Bells."

Laurie Keichinger added the silvery sounds of her flute to two of the Choir's final numbers, "Little One, Tiny One" and "The Hushing Carols." "Sing A Joyful Alleluia" and "Time To Sing A Noel" ended the program with cheer, and brought them a lengthy standing ovation from Thursday night's delighted crowd. They then invited their audience to sing along with one final number, "Angels We Have Heard On High." Thursday's door prizes went to Maureen Miller and Diane Wolanuk.



PRETTY PAPER - Don Conrad entertained with the Willie Nelson Christmas favorite.

Equestrian champs

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The Heritage (Western) recipients were awarded beautiful red horse blankets with black trim, and "Alberta Provincial Champion, Heritage Classic" embroidered in white on the side. The Bluesky award blankets were dark blue with black trim and the corresponding white embroidery. Award certificates and AEF mugs were also received.

From the Elk Point area, Charlene Baker walked away with an impressive array of six Heritage Blanket Awards. These included, for the year 1990-91, Senior Trail and Senior Western Pleasure, and for 1991-92, a second Senior Trail, Senior Western Riding, Senior Reining, and Senior Equitation. Charlene's daughter, Shanna Baker, age 13, was awarded three blankets for High Point in the 1991-92 year for Junior Showmanship, Junior Trail and Junior Western Riding. Another Elk Point resident, Josie Veer, took home the Blanket Award for Senior Barrels for 1990-91, with Tanya Kenyon taking four awards that included 1990-91 Junior Reining and Junior Showmanship, and 1991-92 Junior Barrels and Junior

Pleasure.

Representing Vermilion, but not present at the awards, was Kristen Landerl, who won the 1991-92 Heritage award for Junior Equitation, while Faye Stone from Wainwright won the Bluesky (English) award for 1991-92 in Senior English Pleasure.

The AEF Heritage / Bluesky Classic Circuit is a circuit of open light horse shows, and competitors who hold an AEF Log Book are eligible to gather points during the showing season. The log books are very inexpensive at \$2 a book for each rider / horse combination and a \$2 nAEF registration charge. Some shows charge an additional \$2 per log book for administration on entry fees, but that is for the whole show and not for each class, as has been misunderstood in the past.

The original idea was to qualify through the log book by attending a minimum of two shows plus place in in the top five, to be eligible to attend a Provincial Show from which the top riders would go on to compete in Brandon, Manitoba at a Western Regional Show. But because of the economics, and because



CHAMPION EQUESTRIANS - Heritage Classic Alberta Champions (left to right) Shanna Baker, Josie Veer, Tanya Kenyon and Charlene Baker proudly display their trophy blankets after the Alberta Equestrian Federation awards banquet.

Brandon did not hold a Regional Show the past two years, the point system was used for the past two years' awards. Hopefully this year a Provincial show will be held. The northeast area along with the south area of Alberta are still proposing to use the points system in their own area circuit shows so as to award their competitors with recognition awards of some type. This is very important for the competitors, and especially for our youth who spend a lot of time and energy showing on the circuits all season, to be recognized for their

effort and achievement in these equestrian pursuits.

In the northeast, the following Open Shows are listed on the Heritage /Bluesky Classic Circuit: Lloydminster Fair, Vermilion Fair, Vegreville Fair, St. Paul Open Show, Grand Centre, Wainwright and Elk Point Open Show.

All those involved with the AEF Heritage / Bluesky Classic Circuit are looking forward to another year of competition and an increased awareness and participation in the circuit. All the best in the New Year!

Replacement Dr. relieves McNeilly

EDMONTON - A rural locum physician will be serving the residents of Elk Point from December 14, 1992 to January 8, 1993 while Dr. Keith McNeilly is away from the community.

Dr. Eugene Ignacio will be providing medical services to the community during this time. Dr. Ignacio received his medical degree from Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia. He served as captain in the Canadian Armed Forces in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, then as a civilian general practitioner in Ontario and Nova Scotia before settling in Calgary.

Dr. Ignacio has been providing replacement in rural Alberta for the past year. He enjoys the travel and the challenge associated with serving many rural communities.

The Rural Locum Program, initiated by Alberta Health and the Alberta Medical Association, provides temporary replacements for rural physicians who are away on education, vacation or sick leave. By providing relief for rural physicians, area residents are assured of continuous medical service. This unique service is an initiative of the Rural Physician Action Plan developed to improve recruitment and retention of rural physicians.